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The Gas Agitation

And now to get the gas. Confidently believing there is abundance and to spare beneath us, it shows great lack of initiative to utterly ignore it, making no move to release it. While other towns, even our neighbor Brooks, are enjoying the innumerable blessings that accompany the possession of natural gas, we are suffering all the inconveniences of none, with the additional aggravating reflection, that with a little energy and expenditure, those comforts would be ours.

There is no reason in the world why gas should not be struck if the drilling is placed in the hands of a reliable outfit. Past experiments, have proved its existence even if the means and methods employed were open to criticism. The problem long since passed the gamble stage, and the Board of Trade showed its alertness, and eagerness to know the town's interests, in deciding to commence a campaign that will not cease until the gas has been secured. The members appreciate that we shall not progress very far without it at the present moment. Cheap power is principal factor in a town's success these days. And there is no question, but that the cheapest procurable at Bassano is gas. Too much has been made of the contention that the tax rate in the present year will be abnormally increased if more debentures are sold. This is altogether a mistaken idea, for the people have passed the bylaw and it is the Council's sole duty now to find the best market for those debentures. Consequently provision has to be made in the estimates, and in the tax rate for the retiring of the first years instalment if they are sold.

A Graduated Scale

There should be some adjustment of the water rates.

It seems at first glance, as if there was not sufficient discrimination in favor of the big consumer, and particularly the hotels. In most towns there exists a graduated scale, which recognise the large consumer as

a person to be desired. They appreciate that the hotels are public necessities, so far as the use of the water goes, and as such, entitled to some consideration. If we mistake not, they get a discount that is worth while in other towns. The Bassano scale does not seem to be sufficiently graduated, and a scale giving a gradual reduction every ten or at most every twenty thousand gallons it seems to us, would be fairer.

Coun: Pegler brought up another matter that also illustrates the necessity for such a scale; namely a reduction to those using water on their gardens and lawns. These are the very things we need to encourage here. Can't something be done in the matter?

A Boot To Bassano

The inauguration of the Bassano Post, which took place on Tuesday last is an ingestible boon to the merchants of Bassano.

By the creation of a local limited zone the Post Office regulations have put a slight handicap upon the small order house. Within this radius, after the post office has been reached, the delivery of a letter will be five cents for eleven lbs. which is destined to give the local man a big start up his competitors of the mail order house. All descriptions of dry goods and merchandise can be forwarded. Of course when the district is more settled the benefits to be derived from it will be correspondingly greater.

From Our Standpoint

The popular complaint—gas-tritis

Puzzle. Will the times be harder in the future with or without gas?

The disintegration of the Gleichen team is now complete, said the latest report.

The surest and sweetest sign of spring, the first construction outfit will be on the ground this week.

When the taxpayer reflects that the town owns public utilities to the value of \$200,000 against \$14,000 in 1912, it is honest and justifiable pride that causes him to puff out his chest.

The strongest argument for a team for the fire equipment and for a more efficient fire alarm comes from the underwriters. They suggest a general purpose team stabled at the Fire Hall at night and this seems a solution likely to be carried out.

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PHONE 91

SAILER BLOCK

THE

Bassano Tinsmithing & Plumbing Co.

Wish to announce that they have installed a slate grinding machine and guarantee a first class job

Be sure and call us for Plumbing and Repairing

R. C. Thompson - - - Manager

Bassano Harness Shop

Dealers in Light and Heavy Harness, Horse Furnishing Goods, Saddles, Robes, Whips, Collars and Blankets. Just received a Large Shipment of Blankets from the manufacturers. Prices the lowest.

Clark's Famous Charcoal Heaters, to warm your feet.

A full line of Stock Food and Horse Medicines, such as Liniment, Balsam and all kinds of Calm Cures.

REPAIRS NEATLY AND PROMPTLY DONE

C. Weisenburger - - - Proprietor

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WHEN IN CALGARY
- VISIT -

Calgary's Only Exclusive
OPTICAL
ESTABLISHMENT

All Glasses made
on the premises &
Delivered Same
Day.

Alberta Optical Co. Ltd.

100 First St. West.

Next Hudson's Bay Store

The Bassano Time Table**GOING WEST**

No. 315 10 o'clock.
No. 3 15.41 o'clock.
No. 15 2.25 o'clock.

GOING EAST

No. 4 4.45 p.m. 17.51 o'clock.
No. 10 arrives 7.30 a.m. 20.00.
No. 14 1.10 o'clock.

MINNEHA LAKE

Leaves Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:00 a.m.
Arrives Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 17.30.

HUTTON STAGE

For Hutton, Farrow, Rose Lynn, Sunny
Nook and Shoppington: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00 a.m.

DOROTHY STAGE

Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8 a.m.

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THINK! MEN, WHAT IT MEANS!

Just stop and consider this clothes buying proposition a minute. Perhaps you have to figure some to buy all the clothes you want. Stop and think what it means to your pocket-book to buy

\$3.00 Actual Value for Every \$2.00 You Spend

Can you afford to ignore such an important and unusual opportunity. This stock must be reduced quick—that's the reason for such unusually low prices—the lowest prices, we honestly believe, that you will find anywhere on goods of the same high quality. Don't hesitate and doubt—come and see for yourself.

This Great Sale Starting Saturday, February 14th Makes It Possible for You to Wear Better Clothes Than Before

AT THE SAME COST, OR EQUAL ONES AT A LOWER COST

Our entire stock of high class goods is on sale	Jaeger Goods AT 20 per cent Discount	You had better read these prices Then Act Quick	Saturday Feb'y 28th IS THE LAST DAY	Remember Big Price Reductions on our entire stock
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Men's Overcoats

\$12.00 Tweed Overcts \$ 6.75
18.00 " " 12.75
22.00 " " 14.50
30.00 " " 19.25

Our stock composes
the latest styles pro-
duced by Canada's
best Tailors.



Buy A New Hat or Cap Now

John B. Stetson and Borsalino Hats at **\$3.00**
\$3.00 Buckley Hats at **1.50**
All our \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$2.00 Hats
Cut to Half Price

Our stock of Caps at 33 1-3 discount

Don't put this down in your
mind as just an ordinary Sale
—It is not. The most of the
goods are new, the qualities
dependable, yet the prices have
been slashed way down.

An Important Shirt Sale

Here is an assortment of shirts hard to equal, yet
prices have been put way down for this sale
1.25 Work Shirts .95 1.50 Work Shirts 1.10
2.00 " " 1.45 1.25 Dress .95
1.50 Dress " 1.10 1.75 " 1.35

A shirt sale of rare interest to every man who has
new shirts to buy soon.

BLANKETS !

Fine White Flannellette Blankets 1.15 to 1.30
\$2.25 Comforters - 1.60
4.00 6 lb. Blankets - 2.75
3.50 6 " - 2.35
5.00 8 " - 3.60

BLANKETS !

\$12.00 Tweed Suits \$ 7.85
15.00 Whipscord 10.45
15.00 Tweed 10.45
Norfolk Corduroy 12.75
20.00 Fine Blue Serge 14.50

Remember we have
not space here to
quote all our prices
but our other values
are equally as great

Underwear !

A SALE THAT IS A SALE
75 Fleece Underwear, per garment .45
1.00 Wool " " .60
1.25 " " .80
Stanfields' Red Label Und'r " .95
" Blue " " 1.25
" Black " " 1.50

Underwear !

We are giving

20 %

DISCOUNT

on our entire stock
of high grade
SHOES

TRUNKS AND SUIT CASES

\$7.00 Square Trunk - \$5.20
6.00 Steamer " 4.50
2.50 Suit Cases 1.70
7.50 Cowhide Suit Cases 5.20
8.50 " " 6.30



You Can't Afford to Forget That Your Money Will Go Farthest at

E. R. MUIR'S, Bassano

WHERE QUALITY
IS KING

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BLACK KNIGHT
STOVE
FOR BRIGHTNESS
BLACK
A PASTE
NO RUST | THE F. D. DALEY & LTD. HAMILTON, ONT. NO RUST

AND LIGHTNESS, USE
KNIGHT | NO DUST

Safety First

Don't be so overjoyed at meeting your friends that you forget all about your safety when alighting from trains.

Exercise Care.



A Head Hard to Photograph

Ex-president Taft and the late Justice Harlan, of the Supreme Court, while playing golf on the Murray Bay links, were attacked by a man who were approached by a photographer, who requested them to sit for a picture. Justice Harlan, however, and Justice Harlan, removing his cap, disclosed a thoughtful but decidedly bad temper. Justice Harlan's glasses caused him to look like a man in the sun.

You want to look out, Judge, said Mr. Taft, you'll be flat.

Certainly Looked That Way

The coarse way he has managed the country will not be forgotten by the beach guard:

Say, minister, do you fellow seat out o' t'endin' th' rich Simich boy, and yet?

Well, said the doctor, secretly anxious

that it was a pretty good fee, yes, why?

Well, Doc, I 'ope you won't forget my m'will this time, the brick that I

meddy more and more every day. If any of my children gets a stiff neck, never

mind, I'll give you the dollars to pay

the doctor the needed

What Effect of Nervine

It was of the seashore and they were

sitting on the beach while the moon

shone beautifully on the surgeon.

What effect does full moon have

upon the tide? she asked, looking

up at him.

None, he replied, as he drew closer to her, but it has considerable effect upon the moon.

Co-operation

Say, Doc, said the bravay scab,

woman, you're right, but you don't

out o' t'endin' th' rich Simich boy,

and yet?

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What Frank Daniel's Expensive Bust

In the early part of yrsk Frank Daniel's

carreer he was one of a company

engaged in the business of

the day, and when any one looked

at anything or expressed a desire

to buy it, he would say, "Wait

Till we get to Tlondon.

They reached Tlondon, and after dark

the expensivly roay fust filled the

western sky.

He said, "I am Daniel to the stage

place, and here is my bust.

That's what you want?"

What a bust! said the driver.

It's a bust, said the driver.

The Social Circle

Mr J. S. Mavor spent a few days in Calgary this week, in connection with the McNeil and McCalley, versus the Hotel Newell case.

W. H. Gordon of Hinton was in town renewing acquaintances this week.

Invitations are out for the Colleagues Ball to be held at the Rockies Hotel on Feb. 26.

Mr Bigelow of Bigelow and Oliver was in town this week on business.

Mr Geo. McKee returned to Boisbriant on an Old Country Trip last week.

The residence of G. H. Geber was the scene of a pleasant gathering Friday night in honor of the birthday of J. Stinson. Following a rubber at cards, refreshments were served and the evening was a pronounced success.

Mr. S. A. MacLean spent last week end in Gleichen.

Mr. A. G. Bond has returned from an extended trip to Toronto and Montreal.

Mr. Roy Smith returned this week end from a holiday spent in Neepawa and vicinity.

The Presbyterian Church choir, which has attained a high state of efficiency under the tutelage of Mr. J. C. H. Bond, will sing at the Sunday services with sweet and appropriate music. "The Anthem, Jean Lover of My Soul," was strikingly rendered while the quartette gave "The Old Wayside Cross" in very pleasant voices. Mr. Morrison was first tenor, W. A. W. Haines was second tenor, W. R. Jack bartone, and C. R. Murdoch bass.

139 FOR JOB PRINTING

Also if you have lost or found something—if you have anything for sale—if you want help, etc. USE OUR WANT AD COLUMN.

Miscellaneous

Read this column carefully. There may be something you want in it, and can get at bargain prices.

Lost—Water Spaniel Puppy—slightly hurt in one foot. I had white mark on throat. Anyone remaining some will be prosecuted. T. A. Dowell, Bassano

LOST—Gold sign ring with monogram—inscript on inside. Finder will be rewarded on delivery to "Mail" office.

WANTED, AT ONCE—TEACHER for Sunny Alberta School District No. 2249. For information write E. A. Flanagan, sec-treas., Hinton, Alberta. c-19

Two Cents More Than Market Price will be given for oats. Apply at Dutch George's Farm, northwest of town. McCorkindale Bros.

FIRE ALARM CALLS.

Ward 1 (west of 4th St. and south of 4th Ave.)—Five bells, pause, then five more, etc.

Ward 2 (West of 4th St. and north of 4th Ave.)—Six bells.

Ward 3 (East of 4th St. and south of 4th Ave.)—Seven bells.

Ward 4 (East of 4th St. and North of 4th Ave.)—Eight bells.

Practices Alarm—Three bells.

Ensign
Cameras

Honest and Nicest Camera for the Amateur.

Why wait for spring when present weather doesn't hinder out-door work?

••• Films, developing paper and all kinds of "developes" sold, and films developed.

R. A. Bird
Studio Opposite Post Office

Heard on the Street

The event of the season, the marriage of the firm.

Mr. E. C. Gedney of the Gedney Gray Co. is back in town on a tenderer on the Seward's special works.

Attention is directed to the clothing sale that E. B. Blair is putting on. There are some great bargains going.

Rev. J. A. Bond, who has preached at the Brooks' Presbyterian church Sunday last.

The Bassano Tinmithing and Plumbing Co. are removing this week to newer and more commodious quarters in the McGregor building on Second Avenue.

For other entertainment, we venture to predict that the coming漫游 carnival on Tuesday, Feb. 17, will be held in east, and the members of the Bassano band will be of twenty-five at the meeting, acting themselves, the said fife to be kept out of duty.

L. C. Bond is engaged in the erection of a house on his farm recently acquired from the C. P. Ry. on the Gravelly Valley.

The monthly statement of the town of Bassano shows total receipts for the month of January, \$4,289.

The main spending department being the waterworks, details of which are as follows: Waterworks, \$238.31; tools and equipment, \$108.40; construction sundries, \$11.50; supplies, \$10.50; and general expenses \$125.

Bank balance general account was \$1,000.00, and the balance in the savings account \$12,897.78; and overdraft, waterworks account, \$686.72.

The building of C. H. Padley is undergoing rapid construction and he expects to occupy it about March 1.

Spring Goods! Spring Goods!

LARGE STOCK JUST RECEIVED

We are giving Special Bargains on this line

Have to clear out Winter Goods at Half Price

GET IN EARLY

THE HUB SUPPLY—Opposite Hunter Hotel

S. A. HOBINS

All kinds of Excavating

Gravel and Sand haulings a Specialty.

Office: Muir Block, Second Avenue

Coal and Wood Al-

ways on hand.

Water Delivery.

PHONE 127

Barn: Third Avenue

The Bassano Bakery

Bread Shipped to all Points

Cakes Made To Your Order

Agents for

The Robin Hood Milling Co.

GREAT**Stocktaking Sale**

Inventory time is near, and in order to simplify matters and reduce our stock, we are offering unprecedented values in MEN'S FUR COATS OVERCOATS, MEN'S SUITS, SHEEP-LINED COATS, MAC-KINAW COATS and many other lines of clothing.

SALE COMMENCES FRIDAY, JAN 23 AND CONTINUES FOR TEN DAYS

Men's Alaska Beaver Coats, regular \$30, now \$22.
" Dog Skin " 27.50, 21.
" Imitation Black Lamb Coats " 30, 22.
" Buffalo Coats " 15, 12.
Sheep-lined Coats " 9, 6.50
" " 10, 7.25
" " 12, 8.25
" Mackinaw (black) " 6.50, 5.25
" " 4.50, 3.50
Brown Tweed Suits " 22, 18.50
" " 17, 14.50
" " 14, 11.75
Corduroy Suits " 15, 12.50
Grey Worsted Suits " 25, 21.50

All Ladies' and Children's Furs at Cost.

E. F. PURCELL : Bassano

Fire Department Bylaw

which there is a penalty attached, the Brigade shall have power to inflict such punishment as they deem fit.

ARTICLE 15—SECTION 1.—Any member leaving the fire apparatus at a fire until after the roll call, without the permission from the officer in command, shall be fined \$1, unless an excuse is given satisfactory to the officer in command, and the fine shall be paid to the officer in command at the meeting, acting thereafter, the said fine to be kept out of duty.

ARTICLE 15—SECTION 2.—Any officer who knowingly violates any of the provisions of the constitution or by-laws, and further, any officer who so far forgets what is his duty as a member of the Brigade as to be incapable of performing his duty, or who is unable to be present at a regular meeting of the Brigade, fire or practice, or parade, shall forfeit his position and such officer, upon conviction thereof, and without any vote of the Brigade, shall be taken from the roll. For a single offence, he by-law may be suspended for an evening by a majority vote of the Brigade.

ARTICLE 16—SECTION 1.—Any member failing to obey any order or rule, shall be fined \$1, unless the fine is paid to the officer in command, or until he shall have been submitted in writing to a previous regular meeting of the Brigade. No other, with the consent of the officer in command, may be suspended, but a by-law may be suspended for an evening by a majority vote of the Brigade.

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38.	476,020.	40.	337,155
42.	506,600.	44.	553,270
47.	630,025.	49.	304,800
55.	789,225.	56.	230,745
58.	205,030.	64.	559,365
68.	405,400.	75.	361,455
80.	382,490.	84.	426,025
87.	30,740.	88.	316,805
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